

## FROM THE DIRECTOR...

### Educational Absence Forms

I would like to clarify the use of the Excused Educational Absence forms. Many people are filling out forms for long weekend family events like weddings, etc. This is not the purpose of the form. Please review the sections in the Attendance Policy that addresses "Excused Absences" and "Excused Educational Absences".

Also, please be aware that if an Excused Educational Absence is approved, a product must be presented to the school that provides evidence of the learning. We all are enriched by travel in some way, but an absence from school for educational travel must be documented with evidence of the learning and a product to show that learning.

While events such as family weddings are important family events, they generally occur on weekends and if you choose to extend the time away from school, this does not constitute an educational trip.

Again, I encourage you to read the Attendance Policy that the Board of Directors developed and approved. The document is quite clear and specific about what constitutes an excused absence and in defining an excused educational absence.

I applaud your willing and conscientious response to the new policy. Our goal is to comply with state regulations and to ensure the best education for the students of Two Rivers Community School. But, sometimes an absence is just an absence.

*June Gilch*

## FITNESS NEWS

Students and Parents please be mindful of the upcoming change in weather and the need for multiple layers of clothing. This will enable a more comfortable time outside. Also, please remember that shoes for fitness need to have a back, to enable shoes to stay on during activities, and need not be flip flops or the likes thereof.

### Afterschool Fitness News

The Afterschool club just held their first test date with some phenomenal results. Bead earners are as follows:

- Attendance(4 weeks in a row)-- 8th- Kelsey, Jenna, Colleen, Gamble; 7th- Terran, Josiah, Matt; 6th- Al; 5th- Savanna
- Pushups-- 8th- Jenna(35), Dargan(25); 7th- Matt(15); 5th- Savanna(75)
- Wall-Sit-- 8th- Becky(11:30)
- 1/2 Mile-- 7th- Josiah(3:06)
- Chinups-- 7th- Josiah(12); 5th- Savanna(10)
- Handstand-- 7th- Terran(2:00); 5th- Savanna(4:00)
- Jump Rope(3:00)-- 8th- Jenna(458)

Congratulations to Savanna for setting the school record for pushups and handstand hold. Congratulations as well to Dargan for tying his record from last year of 2:49 in the 1/2 mile.

## PLAYHOUSE CONSIGNMENT SALE

The annual Playhouse Consignment Sale will be starting on October 23rd and we need you! TRCS will be accepting donations of clean, gently used children's clothing and plastic hangers on Wednesday, Oct. 15th and Friday, October 17th. Items that are stained, torn or excessively worn will not be accepted. We will have collection boxes at the shed, behind the dumpster, next to the 7th grade classroom. We will price, tag, and deliver the clothing with the help of a few brave volunteers and will receive 60% of all profits made from TRCS donations. The other 40% will benefit the Children's Playhouse. For more information, you can visit <http://www.goplayhouse.org>.

## CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH!

As soon as you come in the door, you will be directed to a table where you will receive a ticket to give to the cashier before you order your food. Spirit Night will begin at 5:30pm and end at 7:30pm. We hope you will all come out and support TRCS!! It is also a great way to get your volunteer hours in as we need a minimum of 2 people to man the ticket table and the games. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please email me at [TRCSPTO@gmail.com](mailto:TRCSPTO@gmail.com)

*"If you can give your son or daughter only one gift, let it be enthusiasm."*

*- Bruce Barton*

## FRIEND OF TWO RIVERS (FKA PTO)

Friends of Earth Fare- During the month of October, Earth Fare will donate 10 cents to TRCS for every bag reused by customers. That could be a huge benefit for us and all you have to do is use your own shopping bag! Tell your friends! You can see us here at: <http://www.earthfare.com/storeinfo/1200/friends/3080> We will also be holding a fundraising event at Earthfare on Saturday October 11th from 11:30 until 3:00 in conjunction with being 'Friend of the Month'.

This event is a GREAT way for the school to earn some cash. Earthfare is providing a \$1.00 lunch of hot/not dogs, chips, and tea or water. You can choose a Blue Sky Soda for an extra dollar. WHAT A DEAL!! This event is completely FREE to TRCS---we earn all the money! All that Earthfare asks in return, is that we provide entertainment and volunteers to staff the event.

This is what we need:

- a. **3 activities that represent TRCS.** These activities should be quick with little to no mess and use supplies that we have on hand. examples---leaf rubbings, vinegar and baking soda 'experiments' or maybe a contest of some sort. Lessa can access gift certificates from Chick-Fil-A as prizes.
- b. **Music.** I have spoken with Nia Dickens and Serene Rawl about providing some musical entertainment. If you or someone you know is available, please, let me know! Earthfare will be 'paying' the musicians with gift cards.
- c. **Signage.** We will need 3 (1/2 poster board sized) signs to place at Earthfare. We also need a larger sign to hang on the tent.
- d. **Tables.** 3 kid sized tables with a few chairs for the activities.
- e. **Volunteers.** Kids, parents and staff welcome!! We need at least 4 adults present at all times. If you can not stay the entire time, that's okay! Sign up for the time you are available and we will work it out. This event counts as volunteer hours!
- f. **Ideas and Supplies.** I am new to the school and not familiar with a lot of 'bigger kid' activities. Your ideas for activities are welcome and appreciated.

Earthfare is a great supporter of the community and this is a wonderful chance for us to earn a lot of money. This will be a fun event and bringing your kids is encouraged! The Children's Playhouse earned around \$200 when they hosted this event! TRCS can top that!

Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have. Thanks!

Jennefer Spell, [jenneferhill@hotmail.com](mailto:jenneferhill@hotmail.com) or 828-963-5466

The Friends of Two Rivers invite you to take part in our second meeting this year. We would love to have some more volunteers and appreciate everyone who comes out to support us when they can. Our meeting will be on October 7th, 2008 at 3:30pm in Mrs. Leni's classroom. If you have any questions, please contact Lessa Edwards at [trcspto@gmail.com](mailto:trcspto@gmail.com)

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### BLOOD DRIVE – URGENT NEED

The American Red Cross will be at the Best Western 840 East King Street in Boone on Friday October 10, 2008 from 2:00 until 6:30 pm. There is an urgent need for type O blood. To schedule an appointment, call Shannon at 406-2472.

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**Congratulations to our TRCS students who participated in the ASU Mountaineer Summer Reading Program!** All students who participated received ASU football tickets. These Mountaineer Readers are Allie South, Blaine Evey-Staley, Karen Ehrhardt, and Lucas Wiley. Happy reading and enjoy the game!

### T-SHIRTS

T-Shirts will be offered for purchase in all sizes for a yet determined, but reasonable price. An order sheet will be sent to all classrooms. The TRCS design logo will be on the back and TRCS on the front left. Profits will go for student support supplies.

Peer mediation dealing with respect for one another has been a goal for this quarter. Many students have made gains. SPARK goals are life-long!

### YEARBOOKS

The yearbook this year will be created by a yearbook club comprised of 7th and 8th grade students and Ms. Sallie and Ms. Vicki. The club will meet every week on Thursday from 3-4 pm. Interested students need to apply to Ms. Vicki or Ms. Sallie and get parent approval. It is a computer based program for page design that students will learn to use and they will also photograph school events. Exciting!!!

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### BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Turn in your boxtops, ink cartridges and old cell phones (just the phone no accessories please) to help raise funds for TRCS. Ask friends, family, and your workplace to save these items for you to turn in as well. Thank you.